

REMARKS

With this response, claims 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27, 28, 46, 47, 55, and 56 are amended. Claims 4-6, 10-12, 15-18, 21-26, 42-45, 48, 49, 51, 53, and 54 are cancelled. Claims 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27, 28, 46, 47, 55, and 56 are pending.

In the Office Action of May 19, 2004, and reiterated in the Advisory Action of September 30, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 4-6, 10-12, 15-18, 21-26, 42-45, 48, 49, 51, 53, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,753,051 to Tupper in view of various combinations of U.S. Patent No. 4,741,150 to Braude, U.S. Patent No. 3,409,188 to Wright, and U.S. Patent No. 5,271,531 to Rohr et al. Because claims 4-6, 10-12, 15-18, 21-26, 42-45, 48, 49, 51, 53, and 54 are cancelled with the foregoing Amendment, the Examiner's rejection is moot.

With the May 19, 2004 Office Action and the September 30, 2004 Advisory Action, the Examiner noted that claims 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27, 28, 46, 47, 55, and 56 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have rewritten claims 7, 8, 13, 14, 19, 20, 27, 28, 46, 47, 55, and 56 as the Examiner has suggested and respectfully submits that the pending claims be allowed.

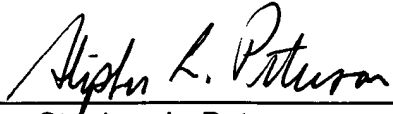
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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